

REMARKS

Careful consideration has been given by the applicants to the Examiner's comments and rejection of the claims as currently on file, as set forth in the outstanding Office Action, and favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application, as amended, is earnestly solicited.

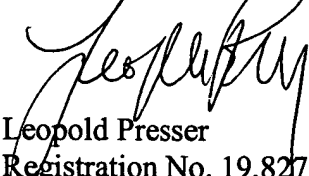
Applicants note the Examiner's rejection of Claims 19, 21, and 24-26 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), as being anticipated by Becker, et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,275,541, as cited in the Office Action. In this connection, applicants note the extensive grounds of rejection as set forth relative to the individual claims. Furthermore, applicants note the rejection of Claims 22 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over Becker, et al., further in view of Becker, U.S. Patent No. 3,947,156, as detailed in the Office Action, all of these publications and grounds of rejection having been cited or referred to in the previous Office Action.

However, applicants note that apparently favorable consideration will be given to the claims by the Examiner if the particular limitations are added to Claim 19, whereby the surrounding control edge is formed as a recess inside the pump body surface and wherein the inlet valve is located at such recess.

Accordingly, as suggested by the Examiner, and in compliance with the Office Action, applicants have amended the claims to incorporate this particular limitation to independent Claim 19, which, in essence, should place the present application into substantial order for allowance.

Accordingly, inasmuch as the application has been amended as requested by the Examiner, the early and favorable reconsideration thereof and issuance of the Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. However, in the event that the Examiner has any queries concerning the instantly submitted Amendment, applicants' attorney respectfully requests that he be accorded the courtesy of possibly a telephone conference to discuss any matters in need of attention.

Respectfully submitted,



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